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Dear Steve,

Although more than usually jammed up, I reply to your letter of 7/27 immediately because so much of it pleases me so very much. It is not youth but maturity that I see in it, and much less new than perhaps you think.

I recalled the name Erquiaga after writing you and my other checks on it produced no more.

Some of the things you say are your present thinking. In some case, they will undergo changes or modifications. Basically, they are, as I see things, right.

One of the changes I forecast is that you will again judge by your own concept of morality(not the zippered fly kind), and you will come to expect a decent concept of morality from others. Good and bad are not always absolutes, nor are they always unchanging. But such things as stealing (in its various forms), hurting (under most circumstances) you will not find to your liking in people.

You appear not to recall that your comments on good and evil are not original. Plato (I think in Cebes(it has been so long!) said things exist by opposites, day by comparison with night and good by comparison with bad. Without bad, what is good? Even Bocaccio said "Dolor determineth imminent joyance".

You will find that you will again spend some time with the media, for despite the validity of your comments, you'll decide you really have to and want to. I have always had contacts with (and preserve) a wide variety, ranging to even the editor of a N.O. daily. I have friendships and connections with what is regarded as the right. The reason you cannot point to my appraisal of a pib in terms of its attitude to the WR is because I never did it and was opposed to some who pretended to be on "our side". I regard Hunkin as never there, for example (By the way, do you know anything about his Stanley J. Marks, who seems legitimately looney?).

Perhaps you should have said (or intended) of your generation (the best one to date) that "many of us see the route to change in different directions", rather than "a different direction". No one has a monopoly on error. If your question about who changed people is not rhetorical, then I must say that for the most part it is your generation. Perhaps LBJ helped a bit? And one you do not mention, JFK? Mitchell? Nixon?

Love, too, is a variable, meaning different things in its various senses to different people. But discovering any of them is great. I differs with you in your belief that you will not change the world with your love. In chnaging your own generation with it, as you expect, can you do other than change the world? And why were you busted for wearing sunglasses? Is that the whole story?

I've been interrupted and must now prepare for an appearance in court tomorrow. I've just learned of it. I've won the first Freedom of Information suit vs Justice in assassination suppression and I have what they suppressed on Ray, in my possession. We're still on the same frequency, in different ways. I'm about to file a number more...Don't bounce too hard of too far...or get more catholic than the pope. And remember, if you'd teach him religion, you have to go to church yourself. Good luck. You sound fine. Sincerely,